Madhya Pradesh and the Madhya Pradesh Government has stated that around 28 thousand trees in the area are likely to be submerged; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard, stating whether the area under the Bhensatori Irrigation Project is barren or is having thousands of trees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal for diversion of forest land for Bhensatori Project was not approved by the Central Government. The State Government has reported that 36709 trees standing over forest land were likely to be submerged if the project was implemented.

(c) According to the latest enumeration, 35097 trees are standing over this forest land.

Imported edible oil issued through Fair Price Shops at concessional price

15. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that imported edible oil is being issued to the Fair Price Shops at a concessional price for supply to the consumers in Delhi and other places;

(b) whether Government have received complaints regarding non-distribution of imported edible oil to the consumers by the fair price shops; and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take to strengthen its inspection and monitoring machinery to ensure fair distribution of imported edible oil and other items from Fair Price Shops to the consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Central Government makes allocation of imported edible oils to States/Union Territories for distribution to consumers through Fair Price Shops. It is the responsibility of the State Government to take proper steps to ensure that the imported oils are distributed to the consumers through Fair Price Shops. The State Governments have been advised to streamline and energise the public distribution system to ensure that the imported oils actually reach the consumers and also to furnish monthly certificate indicating that the imported edible oils has been fully lifted and the same has been properly utilised for the purpose for which it has been allotted. The officers of the Central Government also visit the States/Union Territories to check that the imported oil etc. is available at the Fair Price Shops and distributed to consumers for whom it is meant.

Demand for Statehood by Arunachal Pradesh

16. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the demand for full statehood for the Union Territory of Arunachal Pradesh is being made since long; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for which the above-mentioned demand is not being conceded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATES (SHRI GULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The demand for statehood for the Union Territory of Arunachal Pradesh is being made from time to time. The matter will be given due consideraton at the appropriate time, keeping in view the totality of circumstances and other relevant factors.

Anti-Corruption Drive by the C.B.I.

17. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be

pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the anti-corruption drive by the C.B.I. recently led it to register 21 cases against Government officials; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and what further action has been taken against such officials ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF PRESONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS; AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. During the anti-corruption drive on 27-6-1986, 51 searches were conducted in residential/office premises of 35 Government employees/officers in connection with the investigation of 21 cases registered by the various Branches of C.B.I. The cases relate to allegations of possession of assets disproportionate to the known sources of income, cheating, forgery and criminal misconduct, etc. All the 21 cases are under investigation.

Terrorists threat to Hindus to leave Punjab

18. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whethter Central Government are aware that there is an exodus of Hindu families from Punjab to the adjoining States *viz.* Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that the terrorists in Punjab are threatening the Hindus either to leave the State within a specified time or that they would otherwise be killed and are also demanding from them huge amounts of money; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of the Central Government to such activities of terrorists in Punjab as well as in other parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) to (c) According to available information about 1250 Hindu families have moved out from certain areas of Punjab due to terrorist activities to the adjoining States upto 14th July, 1986. The Central Government is in constant touch with Government of Punjab in this regard and necessary assistance is being provided to them to check terrorist activities.

Arrests in Tamil Nadu on Spying charges

19. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in Tamil Nadu a large number of persons including foreigners have been arrested on charges of spying during June, 1986;

(b) whether it is a fact that the arrested persons were engaged in espionage activities in collusion with some Sri Lankan nationals; and

(c) if so, what are the particulars of the arrested persons and the steps taken by Government to keep a strict vigil on such anti-national elements?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) to (c) According to information available at present, 5 Sri Lankan nationals were arrested under the provisions of the Official Secrets Act read with the Foreigners Act and Passport Act on June 7, 1986 at Madras. The case is still under investigation.

Utmost vigilance is being maintained by all security agencies both at the Centre and in the States to detect, unearth and neutralise and attempt at espionage and other objectionable activities.

Steps for preventing accidents in Nuclear Power Plants

20. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether any steps are proposed to be taken for preventing accidents in the nuclear power plants in India in the